

As the Congressman representing one of the most well educated districts in the country, it is my honor to congratulate Elise Wang of Lake Bluff and Aaron Mertz of Inverness for being named 2007 Rhodes Scholars.

Both reflect the Tenth District's dedication to education in the humanities and sciences.

Elise, a 22 year old Harvard student, is double majoring in comparative religion and women, gender and sexuality studies. While at Oxford, she plans on studying force migration after which she will go on to law school.

Aaron Mertz graduated with a degree in physics and American culture studies from Washington University in St. Louis. Aaron is currently working on his doctorate in physics at Yale University and will take a leave to study the history of science, medicine and technology at Oxford.

Elise and Aaron join a first-rate group of 32 Americans and 85 scholars world-wide who were selected this year.

These two young Americans represent a passion for discovery and knowledge that is a model for all of us. I am proud to count them both as constituents.